

Rejected:

Hastings (FL) amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–131) that sought to strike section 204 because it eliminates environmental evaluation typically provided by an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) and because conducting a single multisale EIS for decisions with different timelines creates unnecessary conflicts in the EIS process (by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No. 295).

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H. Res. 274, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1613), (H.R. 2231), and (H.R. 2410), was agreed to yesterday, June 26th.

Recess: The House recessed at 5:22 p.m. and reconvened at 6 p.m.

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Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 19, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified the Congress of his intent to suspend the designation of Bangladesh as a beneficiary developing country under the Generalized System of Preferences program—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–42).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on pages H4129 and H4135.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4105, H4107, H4107–08, H4108–09, H4129–30, H4130–31, H4131 and H4131–32. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE; AND REVISED REPORT ON THE SUBALLOCATION OF BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FOR FY 2014

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, Fiscal Year 2014; and Revised Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2014. The bill was ordered reported, as amended. The Revised Report on the Suballocation of the Budget Allocations for FY 2014 was approved, without amendment.

SCHOOL MEAL REGULATIONS: DISCUSSING THE COSTS AND CONSEQUENCES FOR SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled “School Meal Regulations: Discussing the Costs and Consequences for Schools and Students”. Testimony was heard from Kay E. Brown, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Megan Schaper, Food Service Director, State College Area School District, State College, Pennsylvania; Sandra E. Ford, Director of Food and Nutrition Services, Manatee County School District, Bradenton, Florida; and a public witness.

TANGLE OF TRADE BARRIERS: HOW INDIA’S INDUSTRIAL POLICY IS HURTING U.S. COMPANIES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce and Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “A Tangle of Trade Barriers: How India’s Industrial Policy is Hurting U.S. Companies”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EQUIPPING CARRIERS AND AGENCIES IN THE WIRELESS ERA

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Equipping Carriers and Agencies in the Wireless Era”. Testimony was heard from Teri Takai, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1897, the “Vietnam Human Rights Act of 2013”; and H. Res. 131, concerning the ongoing conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the need for international efforts toward long-term peace, stability, and observance of human rights; H. Res. 273, resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the President should nominate a qualified and independent individual for the position of Inspector General of the Department of State and Broadcasting Board of Governors to be confirmed by the Senate without delay; and H. Res. 222, recognizing the long-term partnership and friendship between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, working together towards peace and security in the Middle East. The following measures were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 1897 and H. Res. 273. The following measures were ordered reported, as amended: H. Res. 131 and H. Res. 222.

ADDRESSING THE NEGLECTED DISEASES TREATMENT GAP

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Addressing the Neglected Diseases Treatment Gap”. Testimony was heard from Lee Hall, M.D., Chief, Parasitology and International Programs Branch, Division of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Jesse Goodman, M.D., Chief Scientist, Food and Drug Administration Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

NEXT STEPS IN THE U.S.—REPUBLIC OF KOREA ALLIANCE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific; and Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a joint hearing entitled “Next Steps in the U.S.—Republic of Korea Alliance”. Testimony was heard from James Zumwalt, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and Thomas M. Countryman, Assistant Secretary, International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State.

MANAGEMENT OF RED SNAPPER

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Management of Red Snapper in the Gulf of Mexico under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act”. Testimony was heard from Eric Schwaab, Acting Assistant Secretary for Conservation and Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Kevin Anson, Vice-Chairman, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Christopher Blankenship, Director of Marine Resources, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; Jessica McCawley, Director, Division of Marine Fisheries Management, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; Randy Pausina, Assistant Secretary, Office of Fisheries, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; Dale Diaz, Director Office of Marine Fisheries, Mississippi Department of Marine Resources; Robin Riechers, Director, Coastal Fisheries Division, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; and public witnesses.

OUTDOOR RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES ON STATE, LOCAL AND FEDERAL LANDS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation held a hearing entitled “Outdoor Recreation Opportunities on State, Local and Federal Lands”. Testimony was

heard Lynn Jackson, Grand County Council, Utah; and a public witness.

BORDER SECURITY OVERSIGHT: IDENTIFYING AND RESPONDING TO CURRENT THREATS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled “Border Security Oversight: Identifying and Responding to Current Threats”. Testimony was heard from Michael Fisher, Chief, U.S. Board Patrol, Customs and Border Protection; David J. Murphy, Assistant Acting Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection; Thomas Homan, Executive Associate Director, Enforcement and Removal Operations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; Rebecca Gambler, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

RIISING SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY CLAIMS AND THE ROLE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Health Care and Entitlements held a hearing entitled “Oversight Of Rising Social Security Disability Claims and the Role of Administrative Law Judges”. Testimony was heard from Senator Coburn; Glen E. Sklar, Deputy Commissioner, Disability Adjudication and Review, Social Security Administration; Larry J. Butler, Administrative Law Judge, Miami Office of Disability Adjudication and Review, Social Security Administration; J. E. Sullivan, Administrative Law Judge, Pittsburgh Office of Administrative Law Judges, Department of Labor; Drew A. Swank, Administrative Law Judge, Pittsburgh Office Of Administrative Law Judges, Department of Labor; and a public witness.

EVALUATION OF ENERGY SAVINGS PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Oversight; and Subcommittee on Energy held a joint hearing entitled “Green Buildings—An Evaluation of Energy Savings Performance Contracts”. Testimony was heard from Kathleen Hogan, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy; Woodrow Whitlow, Jr., Associate Administrator, Mission Support Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and public witnesses.

MOBILE MEDICAL APP ENTREPRENEURS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Health and Technology held a hearing entitled “Mobile Medical App Entrepreneurs: Changing the Face of Health Care”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL RAIL POLICY: EXAMINING GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroad, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled “National Rail Policy: Examining Goals, Objectives, and Responsibilities”. Testimony was heard from Joseph Szabo, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; and public witnesses.

ASSESSING VA’S CAPITAL INVESTMENT OPTIONS TO PROVIDE VETERANS’ CARE

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Assessing VA’s Capital Investment Options to Provide Veterans’ Care”. Testimony was heard from Robert A. Sunshine, Deputy Director, Congressional Budget Office; and Robert Petzel, M.D., Under Secretary for Health Veterans, Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a markup on H.R. 1490, the “Veterans’ Privacy Act”; H.R. 1792, the “Infectious Disease Reporting Act”; and H.R. 1804, the “Foreign Travel Accountability Act”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1792; H.R. 1490; and H.R. 1804.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE’S REVIEW OF TAXPAYER TARGETING PRACTICES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Status of Internal Revenue Service’s Review of Taxpayer Targeting Practices”. Testimony was heard from Daniel Werfel, Principal Deputy Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement, Internal Revenue Service.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1772, the “Legal Workforce Act”. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2131, the “Supplying Knowledge-based Immigrants and Lifting Levels of STEM Visas Act”. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D584)

H.R. 475, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include vaccines against seasonal influenza within the definition of taxable vaccines. Signed on June 25, 2013. (Public Law 113–15)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled “Past, Present, and Future Irregular Warfare Challenges: Private Sector Perspectives”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining Reforms to Improve the Medicare Part B Drug Program for Seniors”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing on legislation regarding the “Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2013”, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, business meeting to consider a motion or resolution concerning whether Lois Lerner, waived her Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination when she made a statement at the Committee hearing on May 22, 2013, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, markup on H.R. 1786, the “National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act Reauthorization of 2013”, 9 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on H.R. 1288, the “World War II Merchant Mariner Service Act”; H.R. 1494, the “Blue Water Navy Ship Accountability Act”; H.R. 1623, the “VA Claims Efficiency Through Information Act of 2013”; H.R. 1809, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide notice of average times for processing claims and percentage of claims approved, and for other purposes; H.R. 2086, the “Pay As You Rate Act”; H.R. 2138, the “Ending VA Claims Disability Backlog and Accountability Act”; H.R. 2189, to establish a commission or task force to evaluate the backlog of disability claims of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 2341, the “Veterans Pension Protection Act”; H.R. 2382, the “Prioritizing Urgent Claims for Veterans Act”; and H.R. 2423, to improve the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts with private physicians to conduct medical disability examinations; 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.